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Weekly Prairie Review

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ACTIVE DEMAND FOR NEW CROP PRAIRIE HAY IN PRODUCING AREAS

Kansas City Market

Truck deliveries of new crop prairie hay into the Kansas City district continued of liberal volume during the week ending July 8, but carlot arrivals amounted to only one car, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Quality of the new hay received during the week was very good, with a high percentage of green color and a minimum of weeds. Local feeding interests were showing interest in taking on seasonal supplies, and the prevailing market top of \$8.50 per ton was bid for choice quality prairie. It was apparent, however, that outlets for lower grade prairie would be very limited and growers were being advised to put up their hay early enough to retain as much color as possible.

Interior Producing Point Markets

A good demand for prairie hay was evident in southeastern Kansas, around Iola, from truckers making deliveries to the Wichita and Kansas City districts. Some truck operators reported difficulty in keeping up with orders, with one contract for 40 truck loads, or about 200 tons, reported made during the week. With many farmers busy with grain harvest, haying operations were being delayed, and a number of meadows that appeared fairly clean two weeks ago now show heavy milk weed and tumble weed growth. Most of the prairie hay is just right for cutting and will make good quality hay if cut in the next few days.

The prairie hay crop in the Platte Valley of Nebraska is reported to be very light. Growth has been backward because of drought and most meadows show a heavy mixture of sweet clover. Colorado pasture and hay crops improved during the week, and grass generally is better than for a number of years. Wild hay meadows are weedy, due to the cold spring, which delayed growth of grass.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50
No. 2 7.50-8.00

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00
Sample 4.00-5.50

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